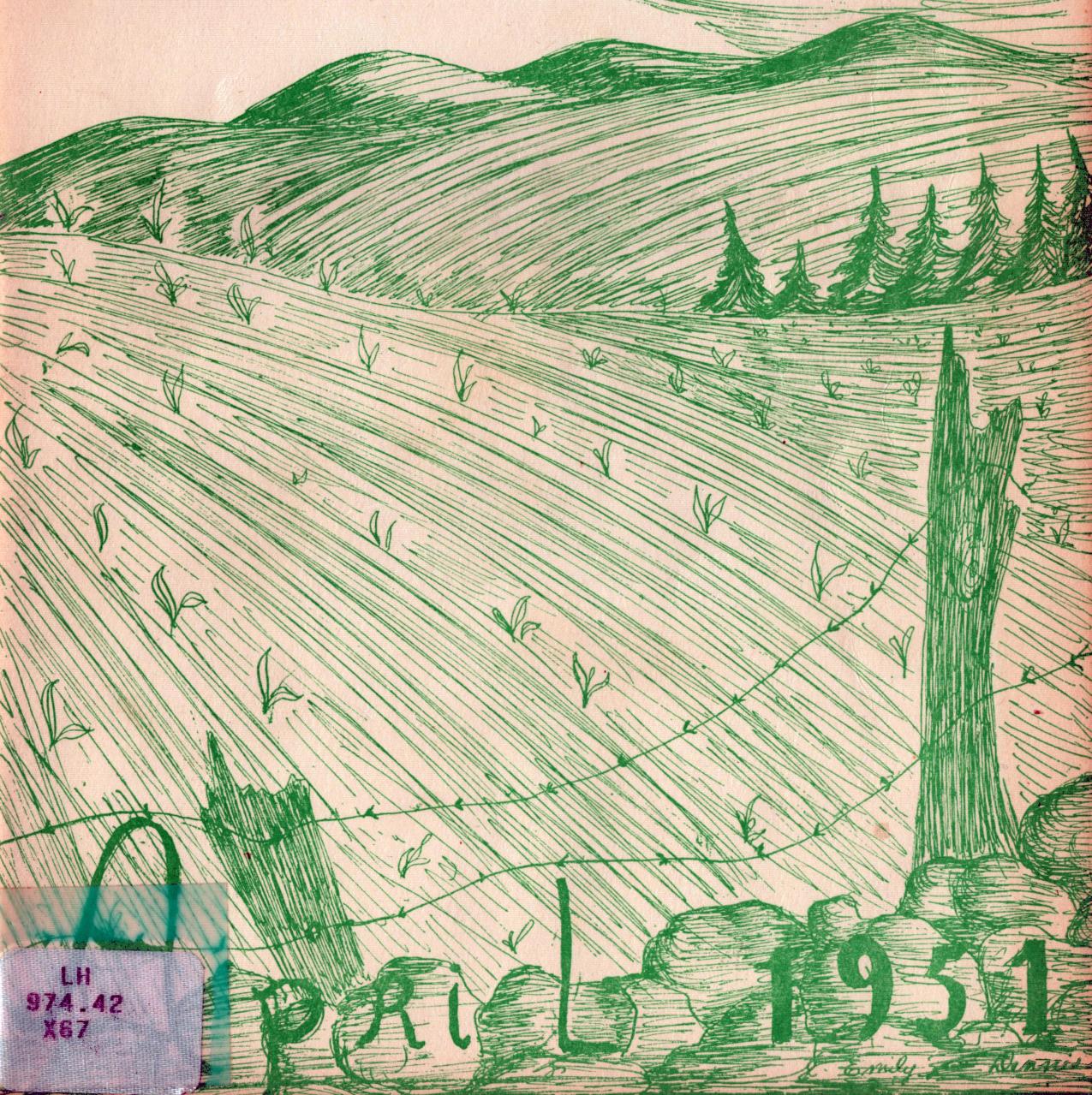


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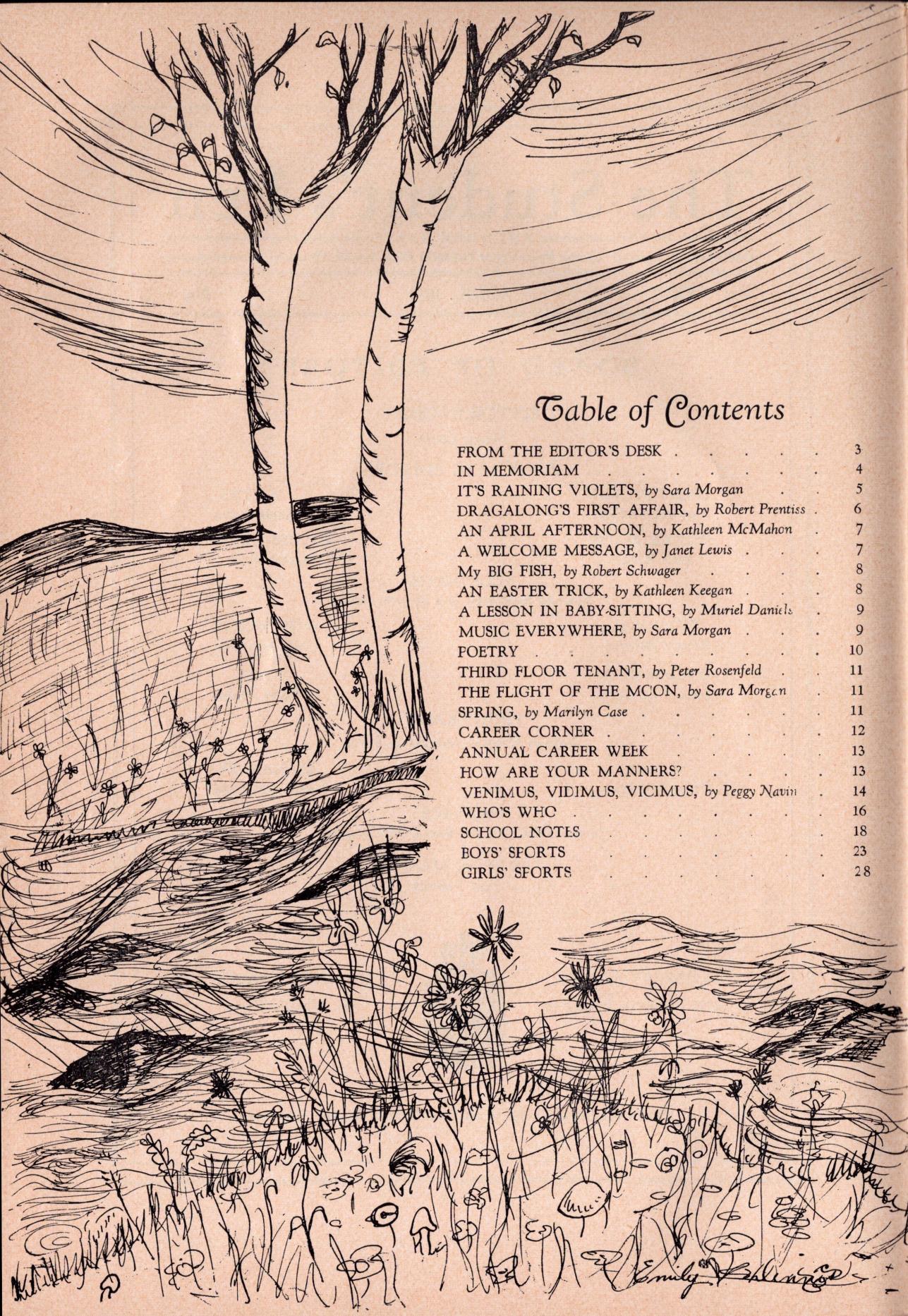
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# From the EDITOR'S DESK

## *The U. N. - A Living Reality*

By Nancy Quirk '52

BECAUSE it has been stated that the last half of the twentieth century belongs to today's students, Ernest Gross, deputy United States delegate to the United Nations, pointed out what it means to us and what an important role we could play in an endeavor for world peace. In speaking to the delegates to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention, Mr. Gross said that the last years of this century will decide the fate of man—whether there is going to be the security for which we have worked for years or the devastation that will destroy mankind.

The United Nations is *our big hope* in our desire for world peace. Right now it has its obvious faults, but there is nothing wrong that can't be cured.

Compromise is the by-word here, because the differences in societies mean that all nations have to work together, give a little to get a little, for the common good. The different ways of different peoples looking at the same thing also have to be considered in settling matters in which world peace is concerned. The struggle is not between countries, as is often said; it is a conflict of ideas. For example, Russia singles out the United States for its verbal blows. Thus the cold

war. The agreement between countries is often there, but it is not carried out. Thus far, the greatest successes of the U.N. have been in settling political differences.

However, the U.N. is not "poured in concrete". It is constantly growing and changing, but the principles on which it was founded, basically the same as those which the United States has been trying to uphold for over 150 years, remain the same. The economic and social betterment of everyone is the most important consideration.

That the U.N. opens its doors for tours to enable people, especially students, to sit in on its conferences is to the advantage of all concerned—the visitors, because they learn how the organization works and the United Nations itself, because students become more interested in how it works and therefore want to help make it work. Study of its history, its charter, and its ideals, along with intelligent discussion, will make for a wider range of interest among today's students.

Therefore, the students of today, by upholding these standards of living and carrying on the tradition of the U.N. charter, which is not merely theoretical, can make the United Nations a living reality.

**In Memoriam**

MISS LUELLA VIGER  
Instructor of Commercial Subjects  
Pittsfield High School, 1934-1951

A successful teacher, a most sincere friend, and a wholesome influence for the good has been lost to our youth and to the community in the untimely passing of Miss Luella Viger.

Skillful in enlisting the efforts of young people in furthering their own educational development, resourceful in guiding them in their growth toward healthy, wholesome personalities, patient and understanding in helping the adolescent find meaning and purpose in school work and in life, Miss Viger has earned a place on the roll of honor of those who give unstintingly of themselves in service to humanity.

The sympathy of every pupil and teacher goes out to the bereaved family which has suffered so great a loss.

EDWARD J. RUSSELL  
Superintendent of Schools

Any attempt to appraise the life and work of Luella Viger must give major emphasis to such elements of character as kindness, friendliness, modesty, conscientiousness, loyalty, and zeal for teaching. With her, working over-time was a habit. Extra tasks for the general good of Pittsfield High School were always cheerfully accepted. For her service within and without the classroom, all are deeply grateful. While our loss seems greater because Miss Viger still had years of teaching to give, we know full well that the true measure of her service lies not in years but in her devotion to her students and her school.

Roy M. STROUT  
Principal, Pittsfield High School

The passing of Miss Luella Viger is a shocking blow to all teachers and students of the Pittsfield High School. Miss Viger's sympathetic understanding endeared her to all students who came under her care. Her great popularity among students was based upon an earnest desire to bring forth from them their best and most creative efforts.

Among teachers and associates Miss Viger attained the same popularity. Cooperative at all times, always willingly responding to every favor, large or small, asked of her, she endeared herself to everyone in the High School.

ROBERT KRIGER  
Head of Commercial Department

The feeling of loss in the passing of Miss Luella Viger is experienced throughout Pittsfield High School. Her amiable personality and her devotion to the teaching profession served to make Miss Viger one of Pittsfield High's most popular teachers. To the family of a perfect teacher and friend, we extend our deepest sympathy.

NANCY QUIRK '52  
Editor, *Student's Pen*

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**It's Raining Violets**

By Sara Morgan '53



THE rain was falling harder now, the huge drops making a sharp patter on the pavement. Ted pushed farther back into the school doorway. He shoved his hands deeper into his pockets. What was that poem they'd had in English class today? "It isn't raining rain to me; it's raining violets."

"The fellow who wrote that stuff should be here now," thought Ted scornfully.

What a day this had turned out to be. First, the girl he had planned to invite to the country club dance had already been dated; then this awful rain had destroyed all hopes of much needed baseball practice. He stood there with a scowl on his face, watching the rain make rushing streams out of the gutters. Suddenly, there was a flash of blonde hair, the twinkle of blue eyes, and Ted was no longer alone in the doorway.

He recognized her after a moment as the new girl who had just recently moved into the house across from his. He hadn't had time to get acquainted yet, but he had been thinking about it very strongly.

She spoke first. "Do you mind if I share your doorway?"

Mind? It would be a pleasure, thought Ted. Besides, she didn't take up much room.

Aloud he said, "The more, the merrier."

Soon they were both laughing and the rain was almost forgotten.

"I'd Ted Hollister," he volunteered. "I live across the street from you."

"I'm Linda Morris, and I'm very glad to meet you, even though it isn't under the usual conditions."

Soon they were talking as if they had known each other all their lives. A tiny thought began running through Ted's mind. "Go ahead; ask her," he told himself. Still he couldn't be sure. What if she had promised someone else?

"A penny for your thoughts," she queried.

"Oh, I was just wondering when the rain would stop," he fibbed.

His own answer brought him back to reality. If he was going to get home for supper, he would have to get going, rain or no rain. And if he was going to ask Linda, it would have to be now or never.

"They're giving a dance at the country club next Saturday. Would you care to go with me?" he asked.

"Oh, what fun! I can't think of anything I'd rather do!" From the way she said it, Ted knew she meant it. The rain began to let up a little. "I really have to be going now, rain or not," said Linda.

"Me, too," answered Ted. "Shall we make a dash for it together?"

Down the steps and out to the street they ran, the downpour not bothering them at all. They started to laugh as they walked hand in hand down the street in the pouring rain. Ted's thoughts flew back to English class. What was it that old fellow had said? Oh, sure, the poet wasn't such a drip after all—"It isn't raining rain to me, it's raining violets."

# Luella Viger, Public School Teacher, Dies

## Funeral Services To Be Wednesday At Notre Dame

Miss Luella A. Viger, 40, of 54 Bartlett Avenue, a teacher in the commercial department of the Pittsfield High School, died yesterday afternoon at Pittsfield General Hospital after an illness of two months.

Miss Viger was born in Pittsfield, March 23, 1911, and spent her life here. She was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School and Bay Path Institute in Springfield. In 1950 Miss Viger received her B.A. degree at North Adams State Teachers College. She was a communicant of Notre Dame Church.

Survivors are her mother, Mrs. Louise M. Viger, with whom she made her home; one sister, Mrs. William A. Newman of Pittsfield; and several aunts and nieces.

The body rests at the family residence where the funeral will be held Wednesday morning followed at Notre Dame Church with a high mass of requiem. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the home at their convenience.

Edward J. Russell, superintendent of schools, paid the following tribute to Miss Viger:

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## Dragalong's First Affair

By Robert Prentiss '53

THEY named him Dragalong because he shambled along like a farmer, but his real name was Clarence Cassidy. He was a quiet, modest chap who flushed crimson whenever he was praised. Dragalong was brainy, especially in geometry. Room 305, where Mr. Sutton reigned supreme over his geometry class was Dragalong's paradise; and here, just outside the door, romance flowered. Before he met Joyce, Dragalong had been invulnerable to the blandishments bestowed upon him by girls. His theory was that the right girl would come along sometime, a girl who kept up with her studies. Until then, he was content to wait.

It had all begun when Jimmy was conversing with Diane and her cousin, Joyce. Dragalong had been meditating on parallelepipeds when he spied Joyce out of the corner of his eye. He gulped, for she was a vision with rosy cheeks, blonde hair, and sapphire blue eyes. His heart skipped a beat, when Jimmy beckoned for him to come over.

"Let me introduce you," said Jimmy.

And so he went through the motions of introduction.

"Oh! Dragalong! What a darling name!" cooed Joyce, coyly, and she clasped her hands together.

Poor Dragalong! He shifted his feet, fumbled with his pencil and dropped it, and then dropped his geometry book.

"P-pl-plea-please-t-t-ta-m-m-meetchoo," he stammered.

His pink ears became so noticeable that Mr. Sutton, who happened to be passing by, burst into a loud roar of laughter. Then recovering himself, Mr. Sutton warned, "You'd better hurry, boys! You'll be late for class!"

Dragalong gave a sigh of relief and wiped his sweaty brow with his handkerchief, as the girls sauntered off. But they weren't so far away but that Dragalong, obeying Mr. Sutton's command to close the door, overheard.

They were chattering away like two young sparrows.

"I think he's cute," cried Diane.

"Darling!" cooed Joyce.

Dragalong smiled and thought more highly of himself. Then, Mr. Sutton's booming voice came out into the corridor.

"Cassidy! Get back in here!"

As Dragalong shuffled toward his seat, a faint titter rippled throughout the class. Apparently, Mr. Sutton had divulged to the class the details of the incident which he had just witnessed. Luckily for Dragalong, the class consisted of all boys.

"Now," said Mr. Sutton, "I want someone to volunteer to recite the theorem which we were supposed to learn last night."

No one responded.

"What? No eager beavers in this class? Then I'll draft you, Cassidy!"

Utter silence. Dragalong had just received a note from Jimmy. It read: "Nice girl, and what a brain! Get's all A's on report card!"

"Get rid of that note or I'll have to confiscate it," ordered Mr. Sutton, "now, answer my question."

"Huh?" inquired Dragalong. "What question?"

"You'd better get on the ball, Cassidy," replied Mr. Sutton, and then he repeated his question.

No response. Dragalong was bewitched by Joyce's lovely face, an enchanting vision that kept appearing before his eyes.

"You'd better come down to my home-room after school, and get some private tutoring in geometry," Mr. Sutton said sharply.

"Oh! No!" Dragalong remonstrated. "I've got baseball practice after school!"

"Well, O. K. then, but come out of the fog and get your mind on geometry, pronto."

Then Mr. Sutton repeated his question a third time. Dragalong bravely set himself to

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the task of reciting the theorem from memory. He had studied the theorem earnestly the night before but now all he could remember was, "Er-th-th-the-a-a-a-ap-p-apothem o-o-of-a-a-th-the apothem o-of-a-a."

"That's absolutely correct!" Mr. Sutton interrupted sarcastically, "the apothem of an equilateral triangle is one third of the altitude; the radius is two-thirds of the altitude. You get a zero for today's classwork."

Thus began the great Dragalong's downfall. He was no longer known as "the brain" but as "the dope." Every day for the next month, he received a zero in geometry. He was a whiz at pitching, but despite the fact that the coach had counted heavily on him, he was taken off the team because of low marks. Why this great loss to the honor of the school? Because a ninety-pound girl had captured the heart of the two-hundred twenty-pound athlete. She had him wrapped around her little finger. Any order from her, he would obey blindly. This was puppy love. But what was strangest of all was that Dragalong never dated her. He had seen her several times in the corridors, but all he could mumble was a weak "h-h-hello." Then, he would color, his ruddiness always being the cause for any nearby girls to giggle. Everyday, he became more and more in love with Joyce. And the more he worshipped her, the less he spoke to her, in order that he might cover up his devotion.

At first Joyce had liked him, too, but what girl wants to waste time on a dummy? So after a few weeks, she scarcely thought of him. Bashful Dragalong didn't notice this, that is, until one day he had gathered up enough courage to consider asking her to the dance at the Y. While toying with this idea in geometry, he learned the news from Jimmy. She and Don were going steady! That was a hard blow for Dragalong to suffer. He had waited too long to ask her on a date, and the bud of romance had been blighted. He turned sadly to his geometry book. "The square of the hypotenuse is equal to—"

## April Afternoon

By Kathleen McMahon '54

HAVE you ever strolled through the neighborhood on a sunny afternoon and felt so elated you could practically burst? Everything feels wonderful.

Two bluebirds are inspecting the backyard birdhouse with an eye to immediate tenancy. In the garden there's a tiny hint of purple blossom on the fresh green leaves of the crocuses. Even the neighborhood kids seem to have taken on a different aspect. The boys, with their dogs, are off to their favorite stream either to try their luck at fishing or just to sit, soaking up the sun and dangling their toes in the cold, refreshing water.

The girls, finally rid of their snowball-pelting enemies, are now engaged in such universally loved girls' games as jump rope and hopscotch. Here we have three girls, two furiously turning rope, and the other madly trying to keep pace, wearing holes in her shoes and also in her dad's pocketbook.

Nearly all the neighborhood fathers are out cleaning up last year's leaves and debating whether to put up a picket fence or paint the blinds. Incidentally, most of them are doing more debating than painting.

The small fry on our street are gleefully up to their necks in mudpies, much to mama's despair. Baseball has supplanted snowball throwing as the chief sport and half the local gang are in the fields pitching curves and practicing sliding into third.

Perhaps it's only my imagination, but doesn't the sky always seem bluer, the breeze fresher, and the whole world nicer in April?

### A WELCOME MESSAGE

By Janet Lewis '52

There's a trace of warmth in the air.

There's happiness everywhere,

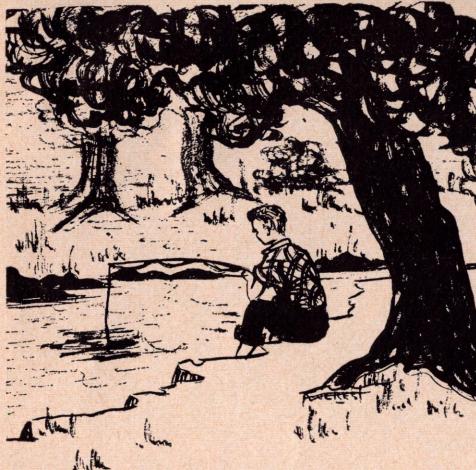
And the little birds sing,

Of the coming of Spring,

With her sun and flowers fair.

## My Big Fish

By Robert Schwager '53



FOR five days it had rained, making the small, usually calm, but surprisingly deep brook a raging torrent. Finally the April rain subsided, and the sky grew sunny. A brilliant rainbow spanned the heaven, and the wet leaves twinkled like tiny jewels radiated by the sun. A gentle breeze swayed the giant pine trees. The world was beautiful beyond all words.

But my story is neither of the rainbow, the leaves, nor the pines. It is rather of what that raging stream held.

In the late summer of the previous year I had strolled along it and had paused to look at a hole in the bank caused by water erosion. No, not at the hole, but in at a beautiful twenty or twenty-one inch rainbow trout swimming after minnows, or leaping for flies in the air. Now a twenty-inch trout isn't much in the West, but in the part of the country where I live it is considered a huge fish. I made up my mind right then and there that I would catch him, and I sat out the winter waiting for the fishing season to come once more.

This brings us to the April storm which I have just mentioned. After the storm, I hunted everywhere for my big fish, but I could not find him in any of his previous

haunts. I was heartbroken, for I was sure I would never see him again. But I was wrong. A few days later I came upon him in a deep, shaded pool two or three miles downstream. There weren't two fish like that in the whole brook so it had to be my fish. It was dusk. He saw a fly. A flip of his tail, an upward lunge, and the fly was devoured. Tomorrow I would fish for him, and I alone knew where he was located. I couldn't wait.

The sun shone brightly that morning, and I was sure of success. But my trout was wary, and though I tried various bait all day, I had no luck. As dusk arrived I tried some flies, and after a while he struck. To me it felt like a tornado, for I had never caught one like this before. Flipping, diving, leaping, he fought to escape. With every ounce of my strength, I tried to land him. Suddenly he came within ten feet of me, and I could see every iron muscle of his lurching body. Then something happened. I was standing there, my pole in my hands, the string and fly dangling in the water, and my ambition entirely gone for the moment. Somehow he had escaped, but I still don't know how.

For some weeks thereafter, I attempted to catch him on everything from worms to grasshoppers. It may be that he had had experience enough to distinguish his food from bait; but whatever the reason, he always eluded me. It's my belief that no fisherman will ever match his fighting spirit.

### AN EASTER TRICK

By Kathleen Keegan '51

An Easter chick finally chose  
Her gay assortment of Easter clothes.  
Hat, gloves, shoes, a bright, new topper,  
All to prove she was quite a shopper.  
And then on Easter morn the rain  
And wind and snow began again.  
She had to wear her winter coat  
And her woolen scarf around her throat.

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## A Lesson In Baby-Sitting

By Muriel Daniels '52

IF at one time or another you have found the need for further knowledge in the art of baby-sitting, I suggest that you read this essay. Speaking from vast experience, I feel quite qualified to relate some helpful do's and don'ts on the care of little Junior.

We shall start at the very beginning with your arrival at your employer's home. It is most important that you remember to look both pleasant and dignified; and please don't forget to smile when you are being introduced to mama's little boy, even though he has already begun screaming at the very sight of you. After all, a harsh-looking face might upset his emotional security, and we wouldn't think of doing that—at any rate, not yet.

When the Mr. and Mrs. have left the premises you must take complete charge. It is now your personal duty to see that Junior is watched closely and in a short time safely tucked into bed. This is usually where the ordeal begins. The problem is, how to get our little angel child into his nice, soft little crib.

It is the usual procedure to try first the gentle approach. By this I mean let the young master know that the certain hour has come when Mother wished him to toddle off to bed. If he refuses, you must try still another method. Tell him calmly that his favorite teddy bear is very tired and would like his company while going to bed. After being quite well assured by either a sock in the eye or a kick in the stomach that neither of these ideas will work, you must of necessity employ a more drastic scheme. Grab the young gentleman by the seat of his pants, drag him up the stairs, put him in his crib, then take the key and lock his door. After he has cried for a time, you may go up to his room with his usual glass of water, and then perhaps you will read him a fairy tale to put his mind at ease. This last method has never failed.

When you are certain that Junior is sound asleep, you may tiptoe down the stairs and enjoy refreshments that the Mrs. has left for you. If you have not heard any peculiar sounds from the little darling's room, you may be assured that he has hit his head on the crib and knocked himself out or that some miracle has happened. In any event, it is always better to peek in on Junior to see if he is all right. If he is, you may go downstairs and patiently await the advent of his parents. When they return, you must remember to smile and say in a honeyed voice that Junior was just too, too good. It was a pleasure to take care of such a remarkable boy, and of course you'd be glad to come again.

I hope you've learned the gentle art of baby-sitting from this script. If you haven't, I'm not surprised, for I've yet to learn.

### MUSIC EVERYWHERE

By Sara Morgan '53

There's music in the little stream  
Outside my cabin door,  
And in the mighty waves that dash  
Upon the wintry shore.  
There's music in my footsteps  
As I walk along the street.  
The sighing of the pine trees  
Makes a tune soft and sweet.  
In my everwriting pencil  
Lies a hidden melody;  
A freight-train's wailing whistle  
Is a siren's song for me.  
In the laughter of young children,  
In the drone of summer rain,  
In the buzzing of a busy bee,  
There lies a sweet refrain.  
No matter where I travel,  
There is music in the air,  
There is music in my heartbeats.  
Yes, music's everywhere.

## :: :: Poetry :: ::

PRELUDE  
TO A THUNDERSTORMBy *Ellen Hogan, '53*

Each slender blade of grass has bent  
Before the moaning wind's lament;  
Long since, the sun has crept away  
And darkness vanquishes the day.  
Fierce clouds hang black, and low, and dense;  
The atmosphere is hushed and tense.  
The eerie wind shrieks out its song  
And chases dancing leaves along;  
Every creature, tree, and flower  
Awaita the coming thundershower.

## SPRING

By *Robert Prentiss '53*

Through deep gullies and ravines ripples a  
brook,  
Freed from Winter's icy cells and sparkling  
in the noonday sun;  
On its green banks the violets hide,  
And pussywillows push their way through  
stiff brown shells.  
Daffodils, yellow as the gold of Midas,  
Dance in the April breeze,  
"Spring time!" sings the brook,  
"Spring time!" chant the flowers.  
"Spring time!" whispers the breeze,  
"Gone are stormy skies and showers,  
With Winter's flight come happy hours."

## SKY SIGHTS

By *Kathleen Keegan '51*

The stars were lightly dancing 'round  
Casting shadows on the ground.  
The paling moon so big and bright  
Lent its beams to lighten the night.  
And then I spied a lady-cloud  
Dressed up in pink and looking proud.  
She strolled across the sky to where  
The stars were dancing in the air.  
She pinned one in her fluffy hair.  
Then, singing low a gentle tune,  
She used the mirror of the moon,  
Hanging from a high hill's shelf,  
And gazed in it to see herself.

## THE DILEMMA

By *Marilyn Case '53*

I sit down to do a crossword  
And curl up in my seat  
With a pencil in my hand  
And dictionaries at my feet.  
I find the one I want to do  
And look at "one across;"  
It says "a leader" and I think  
Would that be head or boss?  
I leave it blank and read the next  
It says "a negative"  
It might be not, it might be nor,  
I'll have to decide which it is.  
I leave that blank and start the end.  
Ah! here is one. Let's see.  
What is the French for friend?  
So I write the word "ami."  
Next in line the words I see  
Say "social insect"—"ant" or "bee?"  
Every time it seems to me  
That answers come in two's and three's.  
When I do crosswords every night  
My answer's almost never right.  
So take it from me, I'd never do  
A crossword puzzle if I were you.

## ADVENT OF SPRING

By *Ellen Hogan '53*

She wanders through the meadows,  
And as she goes along,  
All the flowers start to bloom  
And birds burst out in song.  
The grass takes on a greener hue  
Beneath her gentle tread;  
The fragrant blossoms on the trees  
Spread perfume overhead.  
  
Like delicate apple blossoms,  
Pure and snowy is her skin;  
Her eyes, the blue of violets  
In the sheltered woodland glen.  
With caress as soft as sunlight,  
She awakens every thing,  
And the world is filled with gladness,  
For her name, of course, is Spring.

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## Third Floor Tenant

By *Peter Rosenfeld '53*

THERE is a very great illusion held by many  
that schoolwork begins in the classroom.  
It does not. It begins for me and others who  
enter the front entrance, on the very first  
cement step that is the first of many that lead  
so classically to the doors of our sacred build-  
ing. For that step constitutes the first part of  
the school property that I come in contact  
with, and naturally schoolwork is not school-  
work unless taking place on school grounds.  
Now why they put that building so far away  
from the street is quite beyond me. I under-  
stand they put the dome on the school to  
make it a bit more attractive; yet they put  
the structure holding the dome so far away  
from the street that few can see it anyway.  
That is why, incidentally, I claim (although I  
take a bus to where East Street is nearest  
school property) that I "walk" to school.

Upon subjecting myself—or rather my  
legs—to walking to school, I find that school  
authorities find it advisable to keep the doors  
closed as long as possible, so that none of  
P. H. S.'s heat—it does come out of a heating  
apparatus, but still a questionable word—  
escapes. I guess even education is feeling the  
pinch. Well, after these authorities sooner or  
later submit to the time schedule, we are let  
in. A set of stairs leads to a set of stairs,  
which in turn lead to a set of stairs, etc.—  
and finally—quite pooped, I assure you—I  
arrive at my third floor destination, the  
lockers. After a few menacing kicks and such  
at the green paint when the lock fails to re-  
spond to my combination, success is achieved  
and the outer coverings are placed in the  
locker after, of course, some vigorous tugs at a  
very stubborn pair of rubbers. This done, the  
result of the walk to the classroom is another  
wait. The teacher probably has something  
else in mind that he thinks might escape this  
time—his desk. At any rate you can imagine  
my reaction to the command of the teacher  
who, when seeing me seemingly fall into my

seat, says "Rosenfeld, sit up in your seat" and  
then adds, under her breath, "You'd think a  
fellow could at least find a little time to go to  
bed for a while at night", and with a sinister  
smile, "Probably couldn't get to sleep think-  
ing about all his girls."

## THE FLIGHT OF THE MOON

By *Sara Morgan '53*

As I gazed from my window, the other night,  
I saw a strange and wond'rous sight.  
The man in the moon sailed across the sky.  
As fast as an eagle, did he fly.  
On the rims of the mountains he danced with  
glee  
Like a sailboat tossed on a stormy sea,  
Till all at once he came to rest  
On the crooked old weather-vane, pointing  
west.  
Big shiny eyes and mouth had he,  
And closer and closer he came to me.  
As I was about to cry out in my fear,  
Because he was coming so very near,  
He tilted his head and winked his eye,  
Then off he went, to light the sky.

## SPRING

By *Marilyn Case '53*

"Spring is here,"  
The robins say;  
"Spring is here,  
Here to stay.  
Can't you tell?  
The grass is green  
The tiny leaves  
Can be seen.  
The flowers leave  
Their winter beds;  
Above the ground  
They poke their heads.  
The dreary snowdrifts  
Melt away;  
The brooks roll merrily  
On their way.  
These signs all tell  
That spring has come  
Bringing warm weather  
And a jolly sun."

# CAREER CORNER



MISS MARY CONRY

TO help people help themselves" gives a clear picture of the purpose of the Red Cross. Everyone does not realize the extent of the commendable work done by this organization. We are not aware of how much aid is given to servicemen and their families. Miss Mary Conry, Home Service Director of the Berkshire County Chapter, gave us a clear picture of the benefits offered by the Red Cross.

Before we go into the details of the activities of this organization, we shall give you Miss Conry's background and qualifications for her position. She is a 1936 graduate of Pittsfield High School in the college preparatory course. Miss Conry attended New Rochelle College, graduating with departmental honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

For a few years she taught at Tucker Junior High School. She became interested in her present occupation during her summer vacations, when she did volunteer work with the Red Cross. For two summers she was employed by the Red Cross in Poughkeepsie.

In September, 1945, she became a regular case worker in Pittsfield. She attained her present position as Home Service Director in May, 1946.

Under this impressive title come many services. This includes offering advice and financial assistance to servicemen and their families, furnishing reports to military and veterans administrations, and training the Home Service volunteers in the twenty-two chapters of Berkshire County. The financial assistance mentioned above is given on the basis of need. Although Miss Conry stated that her hours are from nine to five, she carefully explained that she is on call nights and weekends.

She also said that she meets all kinds of people and all types of problems. Only recently she had to cope with this situation. A shy, young French war bride, who could not speak English well, came to Miss Conry extremely upset over her four-year-old daughter. The little girl could not talk, and it was suspected that she had been deaf since birth. The young mother had the mistaken idea that if she took the child to the doctor the state would be informed of the little girl's affliction and take her away from the mother. Many hours of patience and persuasion were needed to convince the woman that the proper medical care would solve her problem. Ultimately the Red Cross arranged for her to see a specialist. Miss Conry explained this might make the difference between creating a problem for the state or developing a good citizen.

In spite of her busy schedule Miss Conry finds time for outside amusements and activities. She is a member of the New Rochelle Alumnae, Critics' Forum, Wahconah Golf Club, and St. Luke's Auxiliary. Also she admitted a bit sheepishly that the Red Sox is

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her favorite baseball team, and she often goes to Boston or New York to attend games.

For those interested in the field, Miss Conry advises as much education as possible. This includes a master's degree and at least six years of advanced education. An understanding nature and objective viewpoint are important as well. Although this occupation is trying and time-consuming, it offers tremendous compensations. For those who like to help others and are in search of a noble profession, this field offers vast opportunities.

## Annual Career Week

By Sheila McCormick '52

THE week of April second Pittsfield High School observed its annual Career Week, the purpose of which was to assist students in the selection of a future vocation. Students had an opportunity to listen to approximately sixty men and women speak on the professions in which they are actually engaged.

Because all problems of an occupation were not covered, a question period followed each conference. Teachers acted as hosts to our guest speakers, and student council members were guides.

All the speakers used the following outline:

1. Importance of the occupation
2. Kinds of work
3. Advantages
4. Disadvantages
5. Personal qualifications necessary
6. Special training required
7. Income
8. Effects on the worker
9. Effects of unions

Lack of space in the high school prevented our having a larger number of conferences than were held in other years.

Conferences were arranged according to a weekly sequence of naturally related jobs. This was done to make it possible for pupils to attend conferences of corresponding interests.

## How Are Your Manners?

WITH prom and banquet time so near, how do you do when it comes to using the right fork or asking for a date or introducing people? In general, how are your manners? Although doing what is right at the right time may seem trivial, the thing known as good manners, or etiquette, is of the utmost importance because it tells about you as an individual.

Etiquette, a combination of rather strict rules and good manners, is often learned by the trial and error method or sometimes by reading a "book of etiquette". Then too, it is largely common sense and thoughtfulness for others. However, the rules of etiquette vary within different societies.

This whole idea of good manners should start at home. Getting along in school is important, too. As school means teachers, a display of good manners to teachers will make your life at school smoother. The main thing to remember is that teachers are human. Some you will like; others, you will not. But it is here that the "etiquette" part comes in, because you are expected to be as pleasant to those you don't like as well as those you do.

In general, etiquette is not just a high-sounding word, but something that deals with every part of our lives. For every phase there will not be a special set of rules. In our society these don't vary with dinners, formal and informal, introductions, and formal correspondence (invitations, for example); they do, however, for dates, weekends, and friendly correspondence. It is here that you will have to use your common sense.

And don't forget people your own age, either. They are just as important where good manners are concerned as are parents, teachers, and other older people.

Almost everyone knows about etiquette. The trouble lies in knowing enough to practice it. Emily Post may be the subject of a lot of joking, but she said some pretty good things.

## Venimus, Vidimus, Vicimus!

By Peggy Navin '52

ALL aboard! Train bound for New York leaving on Track I immediately!" Yes, the time had finally come for us to depart on a journey to the C.S.P.A. Convention. Ahead of us lay three of the happiest days we could ever expect to experience.

"Cab!" Before we knew it, the ten of us were at the Vanderbilt and registered. A mad rush and an enjoyable lunch prepared us for our opening sessions at Columbia.

"Could you follow that cab in front of you? They're members of our party so we'd like to stay right behind them," Miss Haylon said. "Why, lady," the driver answered, "we could mow that old thing right down!" On and on we drove, through Central Park up to McMillan Theatre at Columbia. Then began a series of conferences in the various halls of the university. At four-thirty we met again at the theatre and returned to the hotel. My, were we hungry!

Soon, after a brief stop at our rooms, we were ready for a gala night. Down, down, down, from the fourteenth floor came Leo and Eddie; from the third, Phyllis and Muriel; from the first, Miss Haylon, Miss Pfeiffer, Nancy, Jean, Anne, and I; the lobby was our meeting place. Through the thickest traffic we whizzed to our destination—dinner at the Brass Rail, which, by the way, was very, very good. One delight followed another; so we found ourselves at the Century Theatre to see "Out of this World". Was this terrific! Home again, but not to bed without food and some excitement.

Late to bed, but early to rise; for someone had accidentally left the radio turned on. Thus, loud strains of Spanish music woke us at six-forty, Friday A. M., putting an end to our sleep for that day. About three and a half hours later, however, we hurried to the library at Columbia, where our fondest hopes were realized, THE STUDENT'S PEN had come through again with flying colors.

Friday night's dinner at Town and Country was surprising for a few (Anne's shrimp wasn't exactly what she planned on; and fillet flounder was *much softer* than was expected), tempting for others, but good on the whole. "Kiss Me, Kate" was wonderful.

A little drowsy on Saturday morning, four of us completed a round trip to a jewelry warehouse and store. Breakfast came next: "Nickels, please." No, we didn't miss the automat. Never realizing that New York stores could be so crowded, we nevertheless managed to do a little shopping.

Rushed for time we returned to the hotel, where six beautiful rose corsages from the Junior Class awaited us. These were worn at the luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria (see picture), a triumph for the busy days in more ways than one. Can you visualize a parade of some hundred waiters carrying illuminated cakes through the spacious ballroom? As a result of the crowds in the subways, Leo was alone for dinner Saturday night while Eddie sped on to Grand Central via subway. Ed didn't believe his eyes when five subway trains passed without Leo on any.

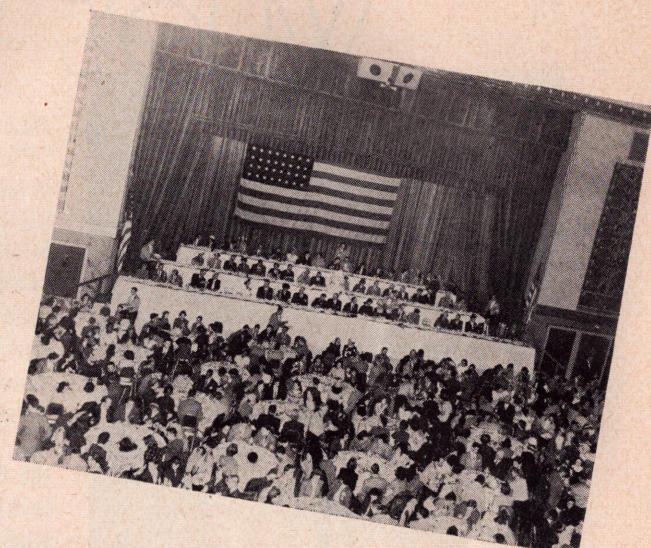
Sunday marked the end of the glorious weekend, for at noon we were to return. After church at St. Patrick's Cathedral and breakfast at the Vanderbilt came the packing. Then, to Grand Central Terminal—final stop, Pittsfield.

Our two advisers, Miss Rosemary T. Haylon and Miss Madeline E. Pfeiffer, successfully withstood the trials and tribulations of accompanying eight students to New York.

Last, but not least, the delegates extend their heartiest thanks to the Berkshire Evening Eagle for the opportunity to represent THE STUDENT'S PEN at this year's C.S.P.A. Convention; for without their most generous consideration, a venture of this proportion would have been impossible. Hats off to our helpful Eagle!



Alma Mater in the middle!



A section of 3500 present at the Waldorf



Our table at the luncheon



Nancy admires The Pen



Contest Results—We Get First Place

# WHO'S WHO



## ALL AROUND GIRL

Students, meet Anne Everest, a popular young lady of the Junior Class. For the future her plans include college, after which she intends to fulfill her ambition—"To find someone who will eat my cooking." Blueberry pie, beef, and her Mom's spaghetti are all tops with Anne, who has not a single pet peeve. Since she engages in so many sports (sailing, swimming, softball, skating, bowling, basketball, skiing, and running for the bus—when she doesn't get a ride) and is also an active member of the Glee Club and STUDENT'S PEN, where she writes girls' sports and stories, and is an artist, Anne is kept very busy all the time.

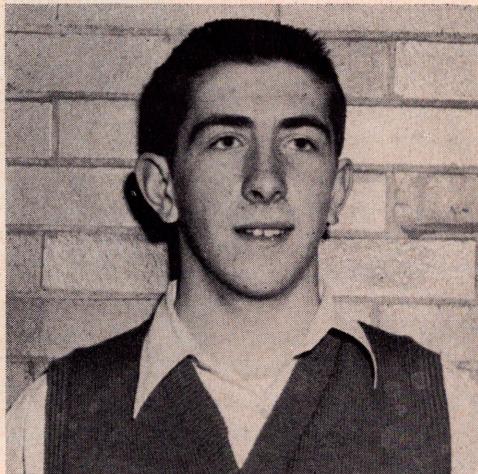
## VICE PRESIDENT

Jack Brennan, also known as "Pooky", is the boy whom the Junior class has chosen for vice president in the recent elections.

He enjoys sports, with baseball his favorite. The Red Sox are tops with him. He claims that school in general is okay, but Latin is a sort of a specialty. The current hit, "A Penny a Kiss," is Jack's favorite song.

He reveals his opinion of girls in the following statement, "They're Terrific!"

His ambition is to play in the Peanut Bowl in his senior year. Jack plans to attend college after graduation. Good luck, Jack.



## CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE SENIOR PROM

This couple is Velma Spazioso and Bobby Stumpek, co-chairmen of the Senior Prom.

Velma, vice president of Sigma Tri-Hi-Y, and a busy young lady, is interested in basketball as well as class affairs. Bobby, a sax-player in the band, is a member of Hi-Y and the Senior Class Council. Oil painting, skiing, and baseball are some of his hobbies. Velma plans to attend Berkshire Business College and Bobby aspires to be a commercial artist, with hopes that no homework is involved.

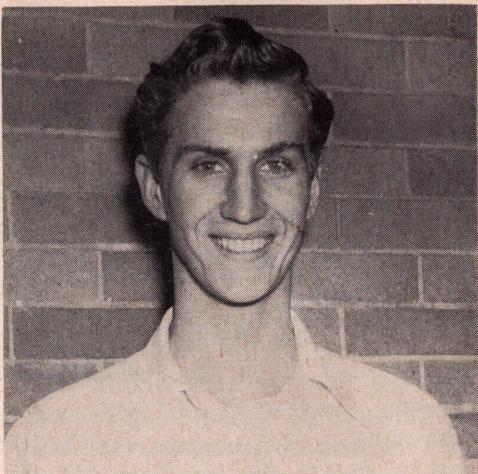


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## "SENATOR" VIANI

No doubt you have seen this tall young man roaming the halls of P. H. S. If not, meet Joe Viani, one of the most versatile seniors at Pittsfield High. As well as being a first string football and basketball player, he was the school's representative for Good Government Day. Besides being active in sports, Joe was a member of the Decorating Committee of the Junior Prom.

Joe tops his list of likes with spaghetti, veal cutlets, ice cream, and chemistry with Mr. Conroy. His favorite baseball team is the Brownies. One of his few dislikes is trig, while his pet peeve is staying after for his homeroom teacher.



## DOUBLE EXPOSURE

Although you may think you are seeing double when you see these two young ladies, you're really seeing the Phair twins, Joan and Jane, respectively, two very active and popular seniors.

They were members of the Junior Class Council last year, and members of Gamma Tri-Hi-Y. Joan, who was co-chairman of the Junior Good Will Committee, is on the committee for the year book and chairman of the program committee for the Senior Class Banquet. Jane was on the Junior Prom Committee, is also on the Year Book Committee, and is Chairman of Class Day.



## AN ALERT SOPHOMORE

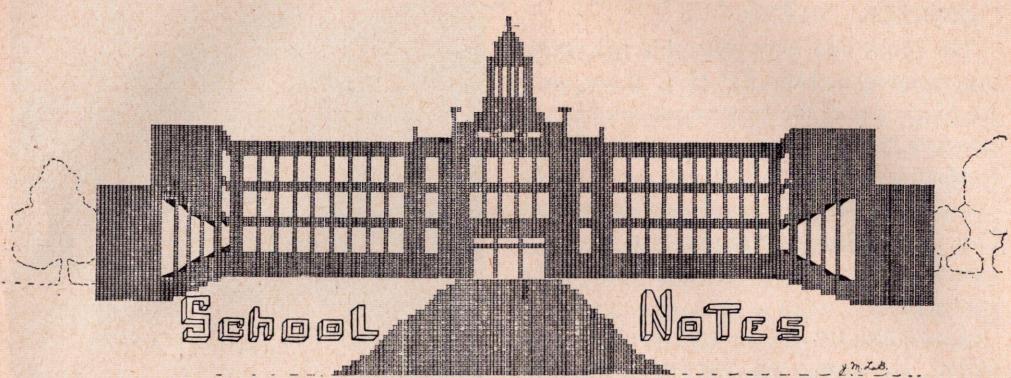
I am sure you've all seen this young sophomore, Larry Bossidy, in the halls.

At basketball he's an expert, and of course he puts this sport as one of his first favorites, although he enjoys baseball too. He says there's no other team like the Detroit Tigers. We know Larry will be as successful on the baseball diamond as he was on the basketball court.

Larry's favorite hobby is sleeping, and his preference in food is a large steak with onions.

Looking ahead, Larry wishes to attend college, although he hasn't quite decided on one as yet.





Irma Bosma, Editor

Helen Madden, Shirley Ann Denno, Patricia Smith, Joan Sutton, Janet Hodecker, Peggy Navin  
 Paula Coughlin, Peggy Dery, Judy Feder, Laura Dennis, Betty Jasper, Barbara Erickson,  
 Harriet Adelson, Ellen Hogan, Marlene Goodwin, Cynthia Goldman, John Grady

#### "CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN"

At this time everyone is eagerly looking ahead to April 27th—the date set for the Senior Class Play. This year the upper classmen are presenting that hilarious comedy *Cheaper By The Dozen*. The cast has been working feverishly with Mr. Conroy, a very able director, and we're sure they'll give a splendid performance.

The cast is as follows:

Mr. Gilbreth	Micky Mehos
Mrs. Gilbreth	Lucretia Gerard
Ernestine	Lillian Wilson
Frank	Tony Ross
Jackie	Henry Rock
Dan	Glenn Hoag
Bill	Richard Scarafoni
Fred	Joseph Hould
Anne	Eleanor Vogt
Lillian	Pauline Robillard
Martha	Patricia Farrell
Mrs. Fitzgerald	Barbara Briola
Dr. Burton	Ronald Allen
Joe Scalisi	Lee Diefendorf
Miss Brill	Edith Glaeser
Larry	James Richmany

If you haven't bought a ticket, you'd better hurry, because we know you won't want to miss it.

#### JUNIOR CLASS NOTES

The Junior Class has been very busy since the election of officers. Representatives for the Junior Class Council have been elected, and a meeting was held to organize the committees. Marion Bellanger was elected chairman of the Ring Committee and Joan Thacker was made head of the Good Will Committee. A class Good Will collection was taken shortly after the committee was appointed. Samples of rings have arrived, and a selection has been made by the committee.

#### MUSIC NOTES

The Music Department of P. H. S. has been preparing for its annual spring concerts, which will be sponsored by the Class of 1951.

The orchestra concert was held April 6, the choral concert will be given on May 11, and the band concert on June 8.

Members of the Senior Class will be glad to sell season tickets, as the money derived from the sale of the tickets aids in their class expenses.

Mr. Gorman and the members of the orchestra, band, and glee club have worked hard to make these concerts a success, and a large audience will be greatly appreciated. Let's all support the fine work of the Music Department.

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#### MEET THE FACULTY

"No two girls are alike at P. H. S. any more than at any other high school. It would be monotonous to have them all perfect, and it would be tragic to have them all problems." With these words, we introduce another of the personalities of P. H. S.—Miss Helen B. McNaughton, teacher of Physical Education.

Evidently a believer in "a sound mind in a healthy body," our gym teacher had extensive training before her arrival here in 1941. She graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Sargent College of Boston University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education; Villa Maria College, Erie, Pennsylvania; and Columbia University, where she received a Master of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education.

Before coming to P. H. S. she worked as a Director of Physical Education at the Girls' League, at Villa Maria College in Pennsylvania, and at Seton High School for Girls in Maryland. She also has done summer work on Pittsfield playgrounds, and has been a summer camp counselor in the Catskill Mountains for several summers.

"You must like people and, as in all teaching, have patience. Don't be exclusively sports minded—I suggest cultivating a wide variety of interests. This is helpful to yourself as well as to your pupils," is the advice

given by Miss McNaughton to aspiring Physical Education teachers. Those who know this charming teacher realize she has practiced what she preaches, including an interest in certain hobbies. Quite in reverse to her active school hours, she enjoys knitting, reading, hooking rugs, listening to good music. However, she doesn't abandon sports altogether. She likes to figure-skate, (she claims to be poor at it), go camping, and participate in water sports events.

Miss McNaughton claims, as favorites, the senior girls' teams at P. H. S. for athletes. "All foods are tempting," she says. She likes to teach field hockey and watch basketball and baseball.

"I have never regretted choosing this field of work. There is great satisfaction in it." These are the words of our energetic gym teacher. In turn we'd like to say, "Pittsfield High has never regretted your selection of career either. To us, you're perfect for the job."

#### MOTION PICTURE CLUB

In February the club attended "The Magnificent Yankee." Vernon Turner discussed "Storm Warning"; Joseph Pugliese led the discussion of "Kim"; and Irma Bosma, the program chairman, led the discussion for "The Magnificent Yankee."

The pictures for the month of March were "Bedtime For Bonzo", "Vengeance Valley", and "Payment On Demand."

The club selections for Academy Awards were the following pictures, actors, and actresses: best actor, Farley Granger in "Edge of Doom"; best actress, Bette Davis in "All About Eve"; best supporting actor, Edwin Gwynn in "Mr. 880"; the best supporting actress, Josephine Hull in "Harvey"; best pictures, "All About Eve"; best musical, "Annie Get Your Gun"; best dramatic picture, "Sunset Boulevard"; best comedy, "At War With the Army"; and best romantic picture, "September Affair."

## VOCATIONAL NEWS

The annual Open House session was held in all the vocational shops, including the Drafting Department, on April 10, between the hours of 7 and 9.

The Drafting Department had the blueprint and photostat machines in operation. The remainder of the boys worked on civil defense projects, such as putting the grids and mileage circles on maps and drawing basement floor plans of the local public schools.

The Sheet Metal Department had a display of their collection of miniature transition pieces as well as ducts and other small jobs which a sheet metal worker may encounter during his life. Each piece was drawn up and put together by the boys themselves during their drawing classes. Mr. Burke had a few of his most assiduous workers in the shop to display their abilities to the throng of people present during the evening.

The Woodwork Shop was working on a school department project. They were turning a mass of rough planks into one hundred finished kindergarten chairs.

In the Print Shop workers were busy installing the new monotype machine. This machine requires unusual adjustments, such as a sound proof room. They hope to have the machine in full operation shortly.

Posters showing the steps in various repair jobs on automobiles were displayed by the Auto Body Shop.

The grease monkeys in auto mechanics were busy under autos displaying their abilities with a wrench and grease gun.

A display board showing wrought iron work the boys have completed in welding so far this year was set up. The boys themselves were working on folding chair rocks and carriers.

Machine shop had all its maintenance machines running.

The idea that man does not have to succumb to the violence of nature was proven

in the P. H. S. Auto Body shop when a 1947 Cadillac was brought in to be repaired. The car was smashed by a fallen poplar tree on Pleasant Street during the raging thunder storm last November. The auto was first sent to the Lane Body Shop but then to our vocational school because it would require too much time to be fixed.

Mr. Molitor, instructor of the auto body class said, "It's one of the best pieces of work the fellows have done since I started as an instructor in 1941."

## ASSEMBLIES

On Tuesday, March 6, Major Paul Cyr delivered an interesting account of his experiences as an espionage agent for the United States during World War II. He mentioned that the life of a spy was not as exciting and glamorous as it is often thought to be.

Major Cyr was among forty-nine officers chosen from a group of three hundred who were given various assignments. After attending espionage schools in Great Britain, he was parachuted with two other agents behind German lines into France. There, posing as a Frenchman, he helped organize French civilians; and he and his companions aided the Allied cause by sabotage and demolition behind the enemy lines.

He spoke of other missions, especially one in China, where the three-mile long "Yellow River Bridge" had to be destroyed. Attempts to do this with ordinary bombs had failed, but the agents succeeded in demolishing the bridge, along with a troop of Japanese soldiers who were crossing it.

He stressed the great detail that must be used by the espionage agents in order to survive and accomplish their missions.

In closing, he emphasized the importance of recognizing and combating communism in the United States, and he gave the names of various persons who hold important and strategic positions in our own state of Massachusetts.

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## TECHNICAL

An atomic defense study for P. H. S. is being prepared by seniors and juniors of the technical course under the supervision of Mr. McKenna as part of their work in English composition. The study will be submitted to school and civil defense authorities for consideration in the over-all planning of the school. Three committees have been appointed. The Drafting committee is headed by Frank Germanoyski ('51) and Joe Satrapi ('52); the Communications by Bill Buchanan ('51) and Perry Miller ('52); and First Aid by Dick Farr ('51) and Carl Maynard ('52).

Robert Brown, a P. H. S. graduate, who won a scholarship to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, spoke to the technical seniors and juniors on the high standards required in engineering colleges.

Another speaker whom the Seniors have had is Alfred J. Arker of Technical Training Dept., Chemical Division of the General Electric Company, who lectured on the new chemical and metallurgical program which the G. E. was sponsoring for engineers.

From Elliott Perrett '51, the reporter for the technical seniors, comes the news that Mr. M. S. Minneci, Load Ratio Control, G. E. Apparatus Dept., lectured on high voltage control to the technical seniors in B-9.

The members of the technical course proved that their interests are not only technical but cultural too when they celebrated Brotherhood Week in English class. The seniors participated in a discussion led by Mr. McKenna which centered on racial prejudice. Then, three members of the class, Edward Cohen, Ronald Allen, and Elliott Perrett, read their American Legion essays on the subject "Freedom's Open Door." The juniors had a discussion too, on how brotherhood could be encouraged. The sophomores celebrated with a play directed by the chairman of their brotherhood program, Jerry Ramsay, a speech by Robert Prentiss, and the singing of patriotic songs.

The sophomores have had several speakers lecturing in Room 326. The speakers were Hans O. Spauschus of the Works Laboratory of the General Electric Company, Mr. O. R. Kimball of the Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow Laboratory of the General Electric Company, and Mr. George Bulgarelli of the Pittsfield Airport Weather Bureau.

On February 7 John Neff '53, a member of the Radio Club and an expert in the field of electricity, lectured to his fellow classmates on the principles and uses of the Cathodray Oscilloscope.

Technical sophomores in General Shop, under the direction of Mr. Green, are assembling a mold for a motor generator to be used in the Electrical Laboratory.

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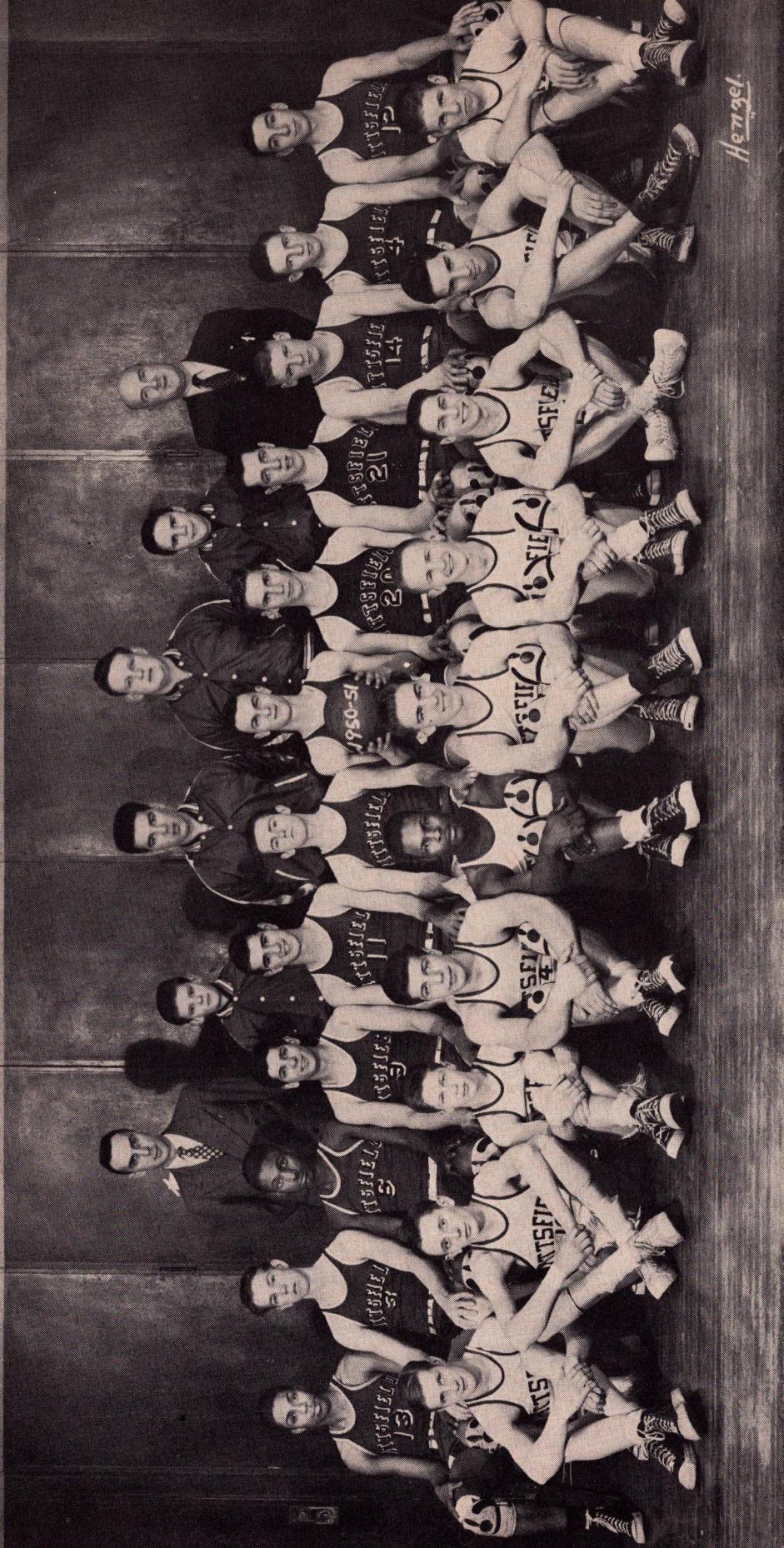
The loss of Miss Luella Viger was a terrible shock to the entire student body. Her cheerful smile, her sincerity in her work, her interest in all her pupils, her helpful attitude to those who sought her advice—these are but a few of the characteristics which will always be identified with her.

The passing of this beloved teacher has taken from all of us at Pittsfield High School a loyalty and understanding that can never be forgotten. I hope that these few words will express to her family the sympathy in all our hearts.

DOLORES A. FERRERO  
Senior Commercial Class

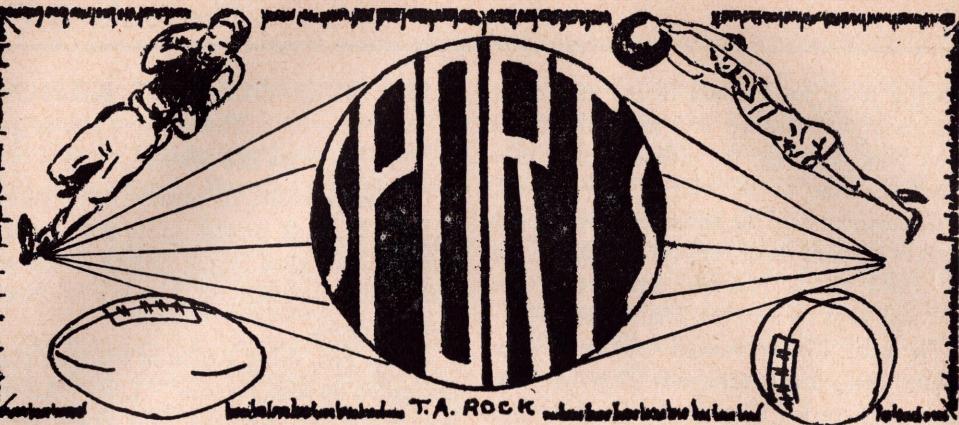
We are all deeply grieved by the loss of one of our most dearly loved teachers, Miss Luella Viger. She devoted all her time to her pupils, and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed. I know that we at Pittsfield High School will always cherish the memory of her in our hearts. The Junior Commercial Class of Pittsfield High extends its deepest sympathy to her family.

MARGARET DALLMEYER  
Junior Commercial Class



#### PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

First Row: D. Sullivan, W. Miller, J. Pelkey, F. Reid, L. Kryznowski, E. Kordana, R. Rivard, W. Varanka, T. Bossidy, Second Row: C. Mayes, W. Morgan, J. Williamson, M. Di Angelus, C. Garivaitis, R. Russell, Capt. R. Snook, J. Viani, R. Bourassa, L. Bossidy, R. Storie, S. Trahanas. Third Row: J. V. Coach Hickey, Assistant Manager R. Williams, Manager A. Nugai, D. Dapson, J. Talarico, Coach Fox.



## Verne Goodwin Makes Olympic Team

By Carl Maynard

VERNE GOODWIN, '49, has reached the top of the skiing ladder. The former P. H. S. ski team star clinched himself a place on the 1952 Olympic downhill and slalom ski team by winning the downhill race and placing second in the combined (downhill and slalom) in the Harriman Cup Trophy Race at Sun Valley, Idaho.

Verne, an honor student and ski ace at Middlebury College in Vermont, left two weeks ago for Sun Valley, where he was to train for a week before the tryouts. In the first tryout, he placed third in the downhill and fourteenth in the slalom. All during the following week the candidates for the team were given time trials. The last race in the tryouts was the Harriman Cup Trophy Race, held on March 17 and 18 on Mt. Baldy at Sun Valley. This race, without a doubt, attracts the best skiers in North America and some from Europe. Down the approximately two-mile-long run Verne zoomed in just a little over two minutes for the top honors in that department. However, in the slalom, as he was probably more cautious, he placed 14th. This, though, was enough to gain him second place in the combined figures.

Earlier this year Verne won the Vic Constant Trophy race at Stowe, Vermont. Al-

though he raced only downhill and slalom for the Olympic tryouts, at Middlebury for the ski team he races all four events—downhill, slalom, cross-country, and jumping. At the McGill winter carnival and at the Middlebury winter carnival this winter he won the Skimeister award. This award is given to the racer who places highest in all four events combined.

Verne was president of the Student Council of P. H. S. in 1949, and is now the president of the sophomore class at Middlebury College.

To this young man, who appears to have such a bright career ahead of him, we proudly extend our warmest wishes and heartiest congratulations. This is the first time Pittsfield has had a man on an Olympic team, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck in the coming Olympics and all those following, which we expect will be many.

#### P. H. S. TOPS WILLIAMSTOWN 61-51

By Carl Maynard

The Pittsfield High basketball team made its most unimpressive showing of the season on January 26 by barely edging out a small but stubborn Williamstown team, 61 to 51.

Playing on a small court before an almost riotous crowd was an undeniable factor in their poor showing, for although they captured the lead at the end of each period, Williamstown held the advantage throughout most of the first three periods. At the end of the third period Pittsfield finally took the lead and kept it until the final whistle.

As usual, Ronnie Russell was tops in the point-making department with 22 points. On his heels were Joe Viani with 16 and Barnini and Keeler of Williamstown, both with 13 points. At this time Russell still leads the league with 113 points as against the 103 of Broderick of St. Joe.

**P. H. S. DOWNS DALTON IN OVERTIME, 45-43**

By Bob Strelin

Proving once again that anything can happen in a basketball game, P. H. S. learned never to underestimate an opponent as they were forced into an overtime period, on Friday, February 3, to defeat a scrappy Dalton High School five, 45-43.

Pittsfield jumped away to an early 10-2 lead, but Dalton, led by their capable center, Jack Callahan, who scored six points in the Dalton comeback, cut the Pittsfield lead to 12-10 at the end of the period. The Purple could score only six points in the second period and Dalton held a 20-18 lead at intermission.

Pittsfield found the range again in the third period and tied Dalton at 25 and 29. Mayes scored to give Pittsfield a 31-29 lead at the close of the period.

Dalton, matching Pittsfield basket for basket, came through to tie the score at 40-40 with thirty seconds remaining in the contest. With a scant ten seconds of the overtime period remaining and the score tied at 43 all, Dick Snook, high scorer of the evening with fifteen points, scored on a one hander to win the game.

The win moved Pittsfield into sole possession of first place as Drury upset Adams.

**P. H. S. OVERWELMS ST. JOE (N.A.), 77-48**

By Bob Strelin

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Playing on a small court before an almost riotous crowd was an undeniable factor in their poor showing, for although they captured the lead at the end of each period, Williamstown held the advantage throughout most of the first three periods. At the end of the third period Pittsfield finally took the lead and kept it until the final whistle.

As usual, Ronnie Russell was tops in the point-making department with 22 points. On his heels were Joe Viani with 16 and Barnini and Keeler of Williamstown, both with 13 points. At this time Russell still leads the league with 113 points as against the 103 of Broderick of St. Joe.

**P. H. S. DOWNS DALTON IN OVERTIME, 45-43**

By Bob Strelin

Proving once again that anything can happen in a basketball game, P. H. S. learned never to underestimate an opponent as they were forced into an overtime period, on Friday, February 3, to defeat a scrappy Dalton High School five, 45-43.

Pittsfield jumped away to an early 10-2 lead, but Dalton, led by their capable center, Jack Callahan, who scored six points in the Dalton comeback, cut the Pittsfield lead to 12-10 at the end of the period. The Purple could score only six points in the second period and Dalton held a 20-18 lead at intermission.

Pittsfield found the range again in the third period and tied Dalton at 25 and 29. Mayes scored to give Pittsfield a 31-29 lead at the close of the period.

Dalton, matching Pittsfield basket for basket, came through to tie the score at 40-40 with thirty seconds remaining in the contest. With a scant ten seconds of the overtime period remaining and the score tied at 43 all, Dick Snook, high scorer of the evening with fifteen points, scored on a one hander to win the game.

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reinserted by Coach Zabeck in the fourth but was charged with his fifth foul after seventeen seconds of the final period had elapsed. The automatic found Adams still leading 50-47. But in the final three minutes Pittsfield put together a six-point chain which apparently broke the backs of the defending champions. The final score read 56-53.

Jozefiak and Joe Rodovick shared the scoring honors with seventeen points apiece. Rodovick showed almost inhuman accuracy from the foul line as he scored on all nine of his free throws. Bob Bourassa led Pittsfield with sixteen points, nine of which came in the last quarter, four in the last three minutes. Captain Dick Snook contributed thirteen points; Carl Mayes, twelve; and Ronnie Russell, ten.

#### P. H. S. DROPS FIRST GAME IN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

By Bob Strelin

The Pittsfield High team, definitely off in their passing, shooting and rebounding, dropped the first game in their quest for the Berkshire County Championship to a determined Searles High School five 44-39 in the State Armory on Wednesday, February 21. The Southern Berkshire champs employed an exceptionally effective zone defense throughout the contest while the locals reverted to the man-for-man, which has failed them only once in regular league competition.

Pittsfield held a 10-6 lead at the end of the first period, but in the closing minutes of the first half Searles suddenly came alive and forged a twelve-point chain. The half-time score was 22-14.

The Pittsfield men, however, staged a great comeback of their own in the third quarter, outscoring Searles fourteen to eight. The home club lost the services of their leading scorer, Ronnie Russell, who suffered an ankle injury early in the period. The out-of-towners led by two points 30-28 as the last period began.

Searles piled up an eight-point lead in the final quarter, but Pittsfield, showing the same spirit that overpowered Adams in the fight for the Northern Berkshire title, came fighting back and trailed by a single point 40-39 with three minutes left. But Searles, determined to go home victorious, checked Pittsfield completely for the remainder of the contest, adding four more points to its score to make the win decisive.

Forward Bob Baily and center Jack Hassett led the Searles offensive attack with fourteen and twelve points respectively. Center Bob Bourassa paced the Purple with fourteen.

#### SEARLES DOWNS P. H. S. FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

By Bob Strelin

On Saturday, February 24, Searles High School of Great Barrington was crowned Berkshire County Champions, after defeating Pittsfield High 42-33 in Great Barrington. The victory completed a two-game sweep in the series played for the county championship.

Coach Fox tried to throw the South County team off stride by starting the game with a zone defense with Larry Bossidy and Woody Morgan at the forward posts. This bothered Searles for a time, but they eventually penetrated the surprise set-up and began hitting. The first period score was 12-8 in Searles' favor.

Pittsfield looked exceptionally good in the entire first half, with both surprise starters giving good accounts of themselves. They battled back to tie the score at 12-all in the second period but again lost the lead. Ronnie Russell and Carl Mayes were inserted at the automatic, with Russell scoring twice from the floor to give Pittsfield a 20-20 tie at intermission.

A nip and tuck battle raged in the third period with the lead changing hands several times. A big factor in the third quarter drive was the clutch foul shooting of Woody Mor-

gan. The Junior forward converted four times, twice putting Pittsfield in the lead and once setting up a tie score. However, a six-point chain by Searles in the latter part of the period was the deciding factor. The third period buzzer found Searles leading 32-29.

The final quarter was all Searles. Pittsfield could score only four points and was held scoreless from the floor for approximately seven minutes. Joe Viani converted twice early in the period and that was the extent of the Purple's scoring until Dick Snook hit on a set shot with about a minute left. The final score was 42-33.

Baily and Hassett again sparked Searles with thirteen and twelve points respectively. Bob Bourassa led Pittsfield with twelve points.

#### LENOX SCHOOL EDGES P. H. S. HOCKEY TEAM 3-2

Coach Carmody's untried and untested hockey team went down to defeat January 26 on the near perfect ice of the Lenox School hockey rink by a score of 3 to 2. The game, played in three 15-minute periods, was an extremely close affair, with neither team scoring until half way through the second period.

Lenox opened the scoring on a pass from Lawrence to Mitchell in front of the net, who whipped it past Pittsfield goalie, Frank Root. Lenox's second goal stemmed from a pass from Wilde to Kimberly.

Pittsfield's scores came late in the last period on two unassisted goals by right wing Jack Brennan.

As the Pittsfield team had little or no ice on which to practice, the loss did not come as a total surprise.

#### P. H. S. HOCKEY TEAM HAS GOOD SEASON

By Art Johnson '53

With only one home game Pittsfield's rink terriers racked up a two out of four game season against fairly strong opponents. They were defeated by Lenox Prep, 3-2, at Lenox

and then they came to the Common to roll over Darrow, 7-0. The situation was reversed when they met Berkshire School at Sheffield and were beaten 6-0. Their next game was against Albany Academy at the R. P. I. field house. Albany succumbed to the Purple skaters, 6-2.

Jackie Brennan, Pittsfield center, was high scorer all season, scoring two goals against Lenox, three against Darrow and four against Albany. Dave Chiorgno, in his first game as goalie, held Darrow scoreless and made thirty-four saves against Berkshire.

#### P. H. S. SKI TEAM TAKES NINTH IN NEW ENGLAND MEET

On February 16 and 17, the P. H. S. Ski team, competing against some of the best teams in New England, edged out Stevens High School of Maine for ninth place in the New England Interscholastics. First place was taken by Hanover High School of New Hampshire. Ken Wilde, the captain of the P. H. S. team, was top scorer for our team. The team was considerably handicapped because of the little snow which they have had to practice on.

#### RIFLE TEAM PLACES IN NEW HAVEN

By Homer May '52

The Pittsfield High School Rifle Team took part in the Connecticut State Rifle Match of March 16, 17, and 18. Firing in the Junior Team Division, the team was led by Chester Delzell with a 154. Homer May's 150 edged out Kenneth Truran's 145 for second place, while Donald Hunt held down last place with a 127. The team's total of 576 was in the upper bracket of competitors.

Donald Hunt received a 60% merit medal while Kenneth Truran, Homer May, and Chester Delzell were awarded 70% merit medals. Delzell also won the high man button.

Walter Whitman and Arthur Peck, firing in the Junior Individual, registered very good scores of 196 and 149 respectively.

# Girls' Sports

By Lillian Gaudette



SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

S. McCambridge, V. Spazioso, M. Zofrea, C. Wagner, J. Meagher, B. Duggan, L. Principe, L. Gaudette

## BASKETBALL

The seniors kept their slate and title of "Champs" clean by again winning the basketball tournament. They won all four of their games.

Pat Tierney, a former P. H. S. basketball player, was kind enough to give up her afternoons to referee our games. All of us want to thank Pat for her helpfulness in the tournament.

The vivacious senior team was made up of Lib Principe, Lil Gaudette, Sally McCambridge, Carolyn Wagner, Mary Zofrea, Velma Spazioso, Barb Duggan, and Judy Meagher.

The juniors tried very hard to compete against the "spry" seniors but just couldn't beat them. Their team was captained by able Doris Shantz and was helped greatly by Barb Lipari, Nancy Carlopoli, Muriel Daniels, Batsee Wojtkowski, Barb Marsters, Elinor Persip, and Carol Calebaugh.

The sophomore team proved to be surprisingly adept, considering that they are new at the game. They were captained by "petite" Mary Gabriel and were strengthened by Sally Reagan, Judy Larkin, Joan Hatin, Jane Whiting, Carol Walters, Barb Limont, Elaine Soldato, and Elda Filiault.

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## "CONGRATULATIONS, BLOOMER GIRLS"

The "Bloomer Girls" registered their seventh straight victory and won for themselves the Round Robin Crown by defeating the "Beanbaggers" 30-16. The "Beanbaggers" fought all through the game, but just couldn't break the defense.

The "Bloomer Girls", coached by Libera Principe, really showed fine exhibitions of basketball all through the tournament. The team consisted of Doris Shantz, Bernice Kordana, Carol Walters, Barb. Furciniti, Mary Lou Powers, Dolores Barea, Barb Lipari, Ann Everest, Marion Batho, and Grace Hashim.

The "Beanbaggers", the runner-up team, was coached by Carolyn Wagner. They had a 6-1 record and also played fine ball during the tournament. The team consisted of Shirley Madden, Anna Bruzzi, Elaine Soldato, Elda Filault, Patty Smith, Tish McCarthy,

Rita Fiorini, Joan Patti, Betty Daley, Joyce Todd.

The tournament proved to be a lot of fun for all who played and left each player with a feeling of good sportsmanship, whether she was on the winning or losing team.

## SLIMMING—(OOPS!) SWIMMING

Soon the annual interclass swim meet, which tops twelve weeks of hard practice for the girls, will arrive. With all the splashing it's difficult to tell which team will come through with the honors, but regardless of whether it's the sophs, juniors, or seniors, there's bound to be a lot of excitement around the pool that day. Barbara Frank and Irene Burch, seniors; Shirley Lombardi, Phyllis Gale, and "Fish" McCarty, juniors; and Bernice Kordana and Ann Shields, sophs, seem to be splashing a little harder than the rest. As for the diving, well, Wanda Seluke, a junior, and Lil Gaudette, a senior, are doing the jack-knife a little sharper than the rest.

## Program for Girls Annual Gym Exhibition

Friday, April 13, 8 o'clock

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  - 2 Flora Dora Girls—Juniors
  - 3 Yankee Doodle Dandies—Seniors
2. Dude Ranch
  - 1 Cow Girls—Juniors
  - 2 Cow Boys—Juniors
  - 3 Horse—Seniors
3. On the Campus
  - 1 Co-eds—Sophomores
  - 2 Football Team—Sophomores
  - 3 Cheerleaders—Juniors
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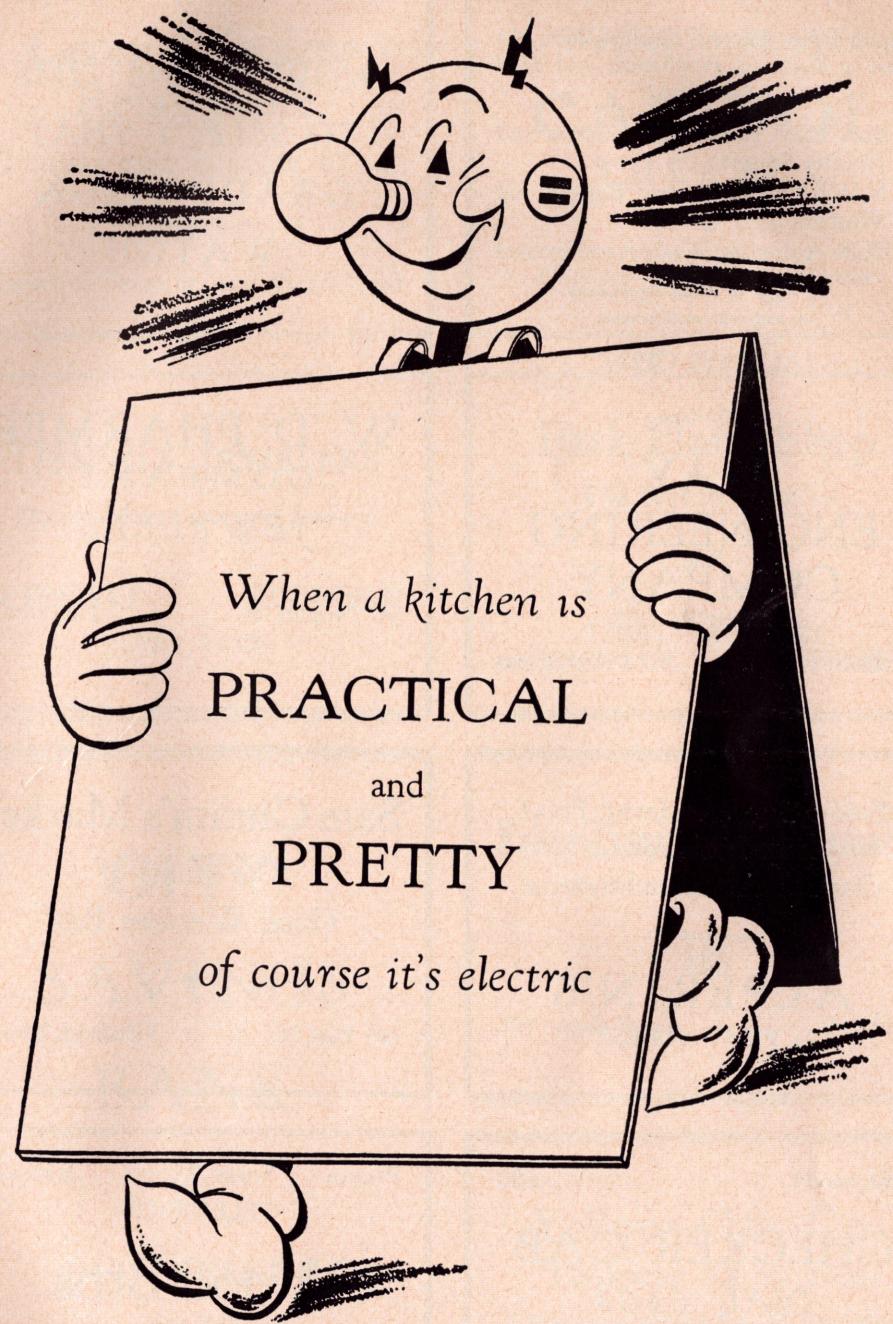
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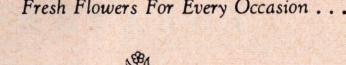
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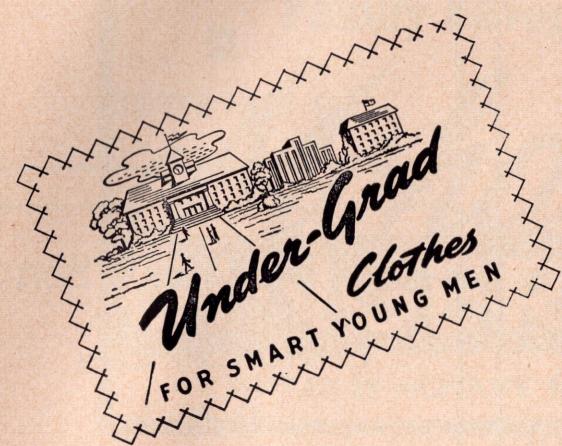
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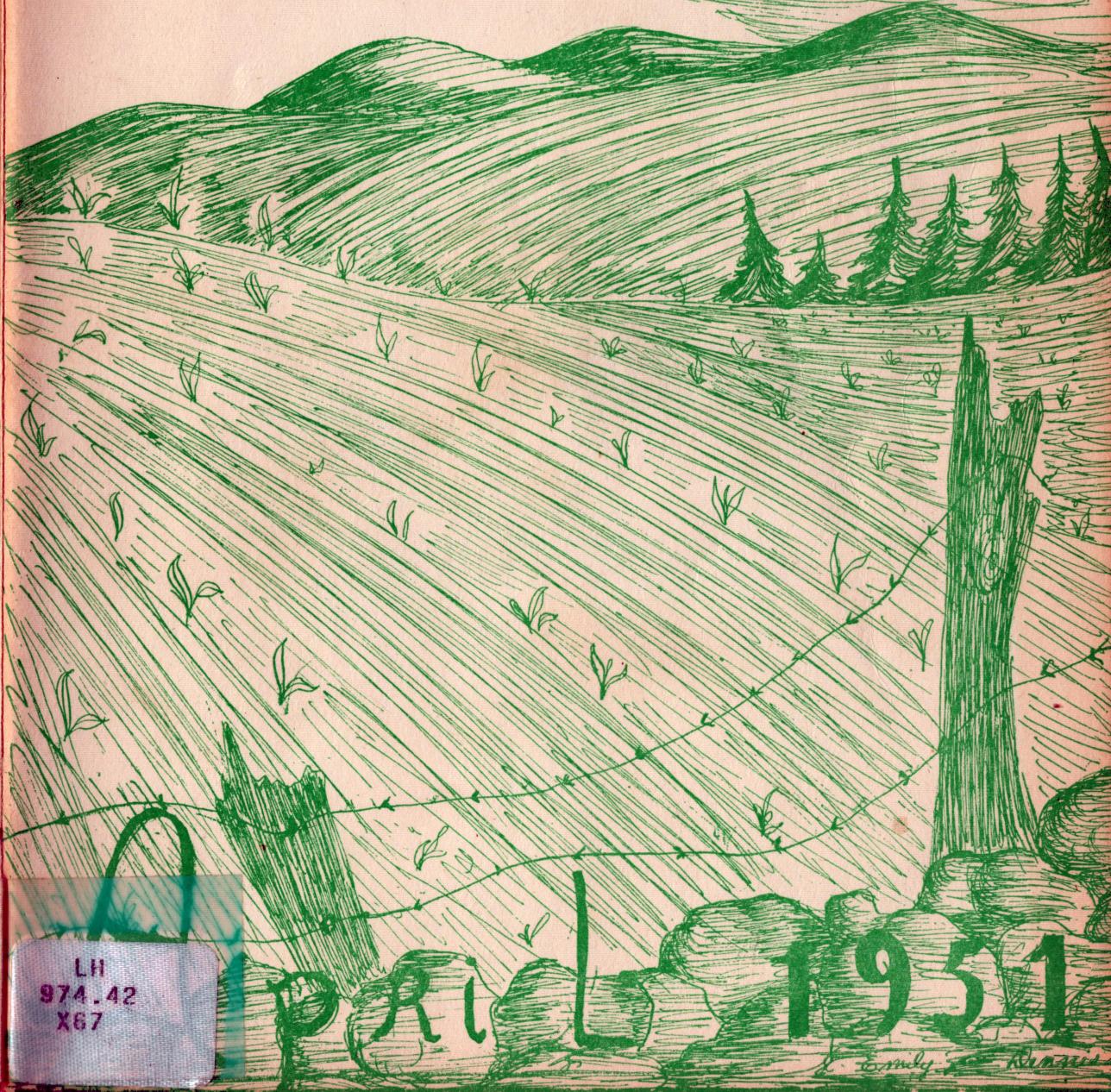
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